



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 3600  
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Sir:

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the Office Action dated September 19, 2005, and herewith petition the Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) for a two-month extension of time for filing this response from December 19, 2005, to February 19, 2006. Submitted herewith is a check in the amount of \$1240, which includes \$450 to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 50-1266.

Please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.